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General Comment

Religious employers should not be treated any differently from secular employers when it comes to providing women health care. No employer should have the right to force their religious beliefs on their employees.

The interim final rules should be adopted as they are, without weakening the definition of "religious employer." The proposed definition will allow the government to accommodate religious employers, such as houses of worship, but excludes charities and medical facilities that are not actual religious employers.

Religious employers should not enjoy special privileges or be able to deny employees benefits given to those who work for secular employers.